

**DEFENDANT EXPERIAN INFORMATION SOLUTIONS, INC.'S
MOTION TO COMPEL PLAINTIFF'S DISCOVERY RESPONSES AND PAY COSTS**

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

JAMES EVERETT SHELTON,)

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Plaintiff,)

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) JUDGE PAUL S. DIAMOND

vs.)

CASE NO. 2:16-CV-01650

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EXPERIAN INFORMATION)

SOLUTIONS, INC., et al.)

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Defendants.)

THE VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF JAMES EVERETT SHELTON
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2016

The videotaped deposition of JAMES EVERETT SHELTON, called by the Defendants for examination pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, taken before me, the undersigned, Sarah R. Drown, Notary Public within and for the State of Ohio, taken at the offices of Jones Day, 901 Lakeside Avenue East, Cleveland, Ohio, commencing at 8:26 a.m., the day and date above set forth.

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1 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're on the
2 record. Today's date is November 18, 2016.
3 The time is now 9:26 (8:26) a.m. This is the
4 videotaped deposition of James Shelton in the
5 matter of James Everett Shelton versus Experian
6 Information Solutions, Inc., et al. Case
7 number 16-1650 in the United States District
8 Court of Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

9 Would the counsel please state their
10 names for the record.

11 MR. GORSKI: Greg Gorski,
12 Francis & Mailman, representing plaintiff James
13 Everett Shelton.

14 MR. PUTNEY: John Paul
15 Putney with Jones Day representing Experian
16 Information Solutions, Inc.

17 MR. TUSKAN: Justin Tuskan
18 with Metz Lewis Brodman Must O'Keefe
19 representing defendant Southwest Credit
20 Systems, L.P.

21 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Will the court
22 reporter please swear in the witness.

23 JAMES EVERETT SHELTON
24 of lawful age, called by the Defendants for
25 examination pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil

1 Procedure, having been first duly sworn, as
2 hereinafter certified, was examined and testified
3 as follows:

4 MR. GORSKI: So before we
5 get started, do you guys want to agree to usual
6 stipulations, all objections preserved except
7 to the form of the question?

8 MR. PUTNEY: That's fine.

9 MR. GORSKI: Okay.

10 EXAMINATION OF JAMES EVERETT SHELTON

11 BY MR. PUTNEY:

12 Q Mr. Shelton, would you state and spell your
13 name for the record, please.

14 A James Everett Shelton, J-A-M-E-S E-V-E-R-E-T-T
15 S-H-E-L-T-O-N.

16 Q Great. Thank you. My name is John Paul
17 Putney, as you heard, and I'm an attorney with
18 Jones Day and we represent Experian Information
19 Solutions.

20 This deposition, as you know, is being
21 taken under the Federal Rules of Civil
22 Procedure, and that means it has a number of
23 purposes for which it can be used, including
24 discovery and cross-examination and any other
25 permissible purpose under the law.

1 A Yes.

2 Q What's Josh's last name?

3 A Lehrberger, L-E-H-R-B-E-R-G-E-R.

4 Q And he's from the Philly area too, huh?

5 A Yeah, he is.

6 Q Do you guys hang out a lot?

7 A Yeah.

8 Q So are you currently employed?

9 A Employed. I don't work for anybody right now.

10 Q Okay. Are you doing any of -- so you're not
11 working for the school at all or?

12 A Not for the school. I run my own business.

13 Q Oh, you do?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Okay. Can you tell me more about that?

16 A I -- it's called Final Verdict Solutions. It's
17 a sole proprietorship business. I started this
18 business in March. March the 7th was when I
19 filed my fictitious business registration in
20 Pennsylvania.

21 Q What do you guys -- Final Verdict Solutions.
22 What do you do?

23 A Essentially a judgement recovery company. What
24 we do is we -- I purchase -- "we" meaning me.
25 I purchase judgments and then I try to collect

1 on those judgments pro se. Or through the
2 hiring of counsel.

3 Q Okay. How did you get into that line of
4 business?

5 A I had a judgment against my former employer for
6 not paying my wages on time, and I tried to
7 research how to collect on my judgment after my
8 lawyer hadn't really done anything about it,
9 and I learned some things and I said I can make
10 a business out of this.

11 Q That's very entrepreneurial.

12 A Yes.

13 Q So when did you start -- when did you have
14 the -- you started on March 7 I think you said?

15 A March 7 was when I started the business. I
16 filed my fictitious business registration on
17 March the 7th.

18 Q And how's that going so far?

19 A It's going well.

20 Q Good. How do you identify judgments to
21 purchase?

22 A What I do is I will look at the judgment debtor
23 and run an asset search to see what the
24 likelihood of recoverable assets are. And then
25 I will --

1 Q Who do you use to run the asset search? I
2 apologize.

3 A I have a service called IRBsearch, which is a
4 database that I have access to. I also network
5 with private investigators across the country
6 who have services such as LexisNexis, as well
7 as a company that I'm trying to get access to
8 now which is called TLO.

9 Q That's just the letters TLO?

10 A TLO.

11 Q Okay. And what address do you -- is the
12 business housed at?

13 A 316 Covered Bridge Road, King of Prussia,
14 Pennsylvania 19406.

15 Q Okay. Is anyone in your family involved in the
16 business as well?

17 A No.

18 Q Just you?

19 A Just me.

20 Q So you're the -- you said it's a sole
21 proprietorship, is that right?

22 A It's a sole proprietorship.

23 Q So you're the only owner?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And prior to that, what did you do for

1 employment?

2 A Well, I worked for my father's company, ARCADIS
3 US. I was an assistant basically, an errand
4 boy. I also worked for Upper Merion Swim and
5 Tennis Club.

6 Q Okay.

7 A And I worked for the YMCA.

8 Q Did you file taxes last year?

9 A I did.

10 Q Who helped you prepare them?

11 A Well, I did it on taxact.com, but I was the one
12 that prepared them.

13 Q And did you prepare taxes in the prior year?

14 A I prepared taxes for the 2014 tax year and the
15 2015 tax year, but those were -- I also sent in
16 my 2013 return, like, after the fact, after I
17 realized that I was due a return last year. So
18 I sent that in.

19 Q Okay. So do you have -- besides what you're
20 doing now with Final Verdict Solutions, what
21 other sources of income do you have?

22 A That's my source of income now.

23 Q So you don't have any rental property, no --

24 A No.

25 Q No --

1 A No.

2 Q -- investment trust fund, no --

3 A No, not yet.

4 Q And no other businesses?

5 A That's my only business.

6 Q Okay. Did your family have a business as well?

7 A No.

8 Q Okay. And how are you paying for school?

9 A My parents are paying for school. I supplement
10 some of that last year with the money that I
11 had earned.

12 MR. PUTNEY: So I'll go
13 ahead and make a request on the record. It
14 appears there are some documents that we've
15 asked for, and I know you've indicated an
16 objection on relevance, but I'm going to ask
17 again that you produce the documents that we've
18 asked for and specifically the tax returns.

19 And given that in the interrogatory
20 responses I didn't see anything about this
21 business, I would like you to produce --
22 respond to the interrogatories supplementally
23 with the information regarding the business as
24 well. Are you able to do that?

25 MR. GORSKI: You can send me

1 a letter alleging a deficiency with our written
2 discovery responses and I'll respond to that.

3 MR. PUTNEY: Okay. So you'd
4 prefer to pursue formal correspondence as
5 opposed to producing the documents?

6 MR. GORSKI: Well, I don't
7 think you've sent me any deficiency letter
8 relating to our discovery responses to date
9 and, you know, so I think the first step in
10 that process would be for you to send a
11 deficiency letter and cite the basis for why
12 you think our objections are inappropriate and
13 we can discuss it from there.

14 MR. PUTNEY: Greg, I know
15 we've discussed the responses on numerous
16 occasions, including in verbal and written
17 correspondence. I can provide those to you as
18 well if you'd like them, but I can also write
19 you a letter to discuss the deficiencies in
20 specific, but I'd rather just ask you to
21 produce some specific documents that he's
22 indicated he has.

23 MR. GORSKI: Yeah, so I'm
24 not going to engage you in a debate on the
25 merits of whether those documents should be

1 produced on the record. The appropriate form
2 for you to do that is to write me a deficiency
3 letter and we'll discuss.

4 MR. PUTNEY: Well, I
5 understand your position is that you would
6 rather pursue formal correspondence, Greg.

7 BY MR. PUTNEY:

8 Q Okay. Jamie, have you ever been arrested?

9 A No.

10 Q Okay. Have you ever run into trouble at
11 school?

12 A No.

13 Q So you've never been the subject of any
14 disciplinary action?

15 A Well, we got caught drinking on one occasion,
16 but that was the only, I don't know what you
17 would call it, disciplinary.

18 Q Okay. Have they ever accused you of cheating
19 on a test --

20 A No.

21 Q -- anything like that?

22 When you say they caught you drinking,
23 what happened?

24 A There was just a couple of people in my room
25 with some open beers. That was all it was.

1 Q But nothing ever came of it?

2 A No. We just basically had to, you know, go in
3 and talk to somebody about it. I think I had
4 to write an essay. I don't really remember, to
5 be honest.

6 Q It was a while ago?

7 A It was like in the spring.

8 Q Spring of this year?

9 A Yeah.

10 Q Okay. Was it -- who did you have to talk to
11 about it?

12 A Oh, just one of the people in the university.
13 Resident -- I'm not really sure what their
14 title was, to be honest.

15 Q Was it a student?

16 A No. It was one of the I guess administrators
17 or -- whoever's in charge of the policy.

18 Q Okay. Has anyone ever obtained a judgment
19 against you?

20 A No.

21 Q You mentioned earlier that you have given sworn
22 testimony?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Can you tell me about that lawsuit?

25 A That lawsuit, it was a motion in court for one

1 of my lawsuits that I purchased, a judgment
2 that I purchased, to -- it was in front of
3 Judge Bertin in Montgomery County,
4 Pennsylvania.

5 Q And what was the nature of the motion?

6 A Piercing the corporate veil action.

7 Q And why were you called to testify?

8 A It was to the merits of the motion that I had
9 brought before the court.

10 Q Were you represented by counsel in that action?

11 A No.

12 Q How did it result?

13 A It was successful. The other side did not show
14 up and subsequently I settled the matter with
15 the defendants.

16 Q What else? Have you been involved in any other
17 lawsuits prior --

18 A Yes.

19 Q -- to this one? Can you tell me about those?

20 A I had one prior lawsuit before this lawsuit was
21 initiated. It was for liquidated damages
22 resulting from nonpayment of wages due by my
23 former employer who didn't pay me for about
24 eight months after the money was owed.

25 Q Can you tell me more about that?

1 A My employer, Upper Merion Swim and Tennis Club,
2 this guy, Richard Frey, and his wife, Joanne
3 Frey, they didn't pay me the money that was
4 owed. So I wrote demand letters and I spoke
5 with the township about it, and eventually the
6 money was paid eight months later. I contacted
7 an attorney about it and I took them to court
8 for the liquidated damages provision because he
9 didn't pay the money on time.

10 Q But he finally paid up?

11 A He paid the money. He paid the original wages,
12 but he didn't pay the judgment against him that
13 I had seen.

14 Q So you still have an outstanding judgment
15 against him?

16 A Yes, which I'm currently collecting on.

17 Q Okay. What else? Have you been involved in
18 other lawsuits?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Can you tell me about those?

21 A I have a -- several Telephone Consumer
22 Protection Act judgments and lawsuits that I'm
23 involved in.

24 Q Okay. Can you tell me about each one?

25 A One was against Capital Advance Solutions, LLC

1 and Charles Betta. The lawsuit was filed on
2 June the 7th, 2016, for numerous robocalls that
3 I had received in violation of the TCPA.

4 Q And who's representing you for the purposes of
5 that action?

6 A I'm pro se.

7 Q You're pro se. And you filed that on June 7?

8 A June 7. I was awarded a judgment on 7/29/2016
9 in the amount of \$12,189.20.

10 Q You mentioned there are others?

11 A Yes. I filed a lawsuit against Western Capital
12 Financial Services, LLC and Joshua Hamrell.
13 That was filed on June the 29th, 2016, and the
14 matter was subsequently settled.

15 Q And what was the total settlement?

16 A Well, \$1,000.

17 Q And who represented you for purposes of that
18 action?

19 A I represented myself.

20 Q Pro se.

21 Are there others?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Let's continue.

24 A I filed a lawsuit against -- the company's
25 called Doan Solutions LLC.

1 Q Can you spell that?

2 A D-O-A-N. Like loan, but with a D. The case
3 was subsequently withdrawn, mainly because I
4 was unable to attend court on the hearing date.

5 Q Why were you unable to attend?

6 A I was at school. The lawsuit was scheduled on
7 a date that was not good for me.

8 Q And did you let the court know that?

9 A I -- yes, and I withdrew the case. I didn't --
10 I no longer wished to pursue it.

11 Q Okay. And what was the nature of the claim you
12 originally made?

13 A Telephone Consumer Protection Act.

14 Q Are there others?

15 A Yes. I have a pending lawsuit against a
16 company called Endurance Warranty Services,
17 LLC. And that is currently -- the date for
18 that is going to be on November 29 in the
19 Cleveland Municipal Court.

20 Q And what's the nature of that action?

21 A Telephone Consumer Protection Act.

22 Q And who's your counsel for that action?

23 A Pro se.

24 Q Again pro se. Are there others?

25 A So far that's it.

1 Q Okay. So let me recap, make sure I'm getting
2 this all. It looks like you had a prior
3 lawsuit before Judge Bertin in Montgomery
4 County where you were seeking liquidated
5 damages --

6 A No, no, no, no, no. That was for my business.

7 Q Oh, I see.

8 A That was -- that was very recent, on October
9 31.

10 Q Oh, I see. And there you're attempting to
11 collect on a debt that you purchased?

12 A Oh, I have numerous judgments that I have
13 purchased.

14 Q And you're attempting to collect on those
15 debts, right?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Okay. I guess we can get into some more detail
18 later when we discuss some of the responses to
19 discovery, but it's looks like there's a lot of
20 information that wasn't included.

21 So let's see. The motion before Judge
22 Bertin in Montgomery County was in relation to
23 collecting a debt that you purchased, right?

24 A A judgment.

25 Q A judgment, okay. A judgment debt, then.

1 And then you had an action for liquidated
2 damages for nonpayment of wages against your
3 former employer?

4 A That was -- the judgment for that was awarded I
5 believe on December 2. Early December 2015.
6 It was filed on October either 11 or 13 of
7 2015.

8 Q Okay.

9 A And I had an attorney, Zachary Zawarski,
10 represent me in that action.

11 Q Okay. And is he still your attorney for those
12 purposes or?

13 A Yes.

14 Q So he's not concluded his representation of
15 you?

16 A No. He's representing me in collections
17 actions to collect that judgment.

18 Q Okay. If I understood your testimony
19 correctly, it sounds like you also developed
20 some self-help measures as well, right?

21 A Yes.

22 Q That didn't involve Mr. Zawarski, right?

23 A Yes, that's correct.

24 Q So then I've got a second action, it's a TCPA
25 action, against Capital Advance Solutions,

1 right?

2 A Yes.

3 Q There's a third action, another TCPA case,
4 against Western Capital Financial Services,
5 right?

6 A Correct.

7 Q There's a fourth action for another TCPA case
8 against Doan Solutions LLC, right, which you
9 withdrew though?

10 A Which was withdrawn.

11 Q Right. And then we've got a fifth action
12 against Endurance Warrant Services, LLC, right?

13 A Endurance Warranty Services, LLC.

14 Q Are there any others?

15 A No.

16 Q Okay. That's it.

17 Have you ever -- so you've never had
18 another case involving violations of the Fair
19 Credit Reporting Act?

20 A No.

21 Q Okay. And have any -- are you familiar with
22 the three major credit bureaus?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Okay. And has any of them been involved in any
25 of your existing or prior actions?

1 A What do you mean by that?

2 Q Have you named any of them as a defendant?

3 A Well, Experian.

4 Q In which case?

5 A In this case.

6 Q I see. I'm speaking only about the prior
7 actions, not this one.

8 A Prior actions?

9 Q Yeah, meaning the prior lawsuits --

10 MR. GORSKI: I think
11 they're -- many of them are subsequent to the
12 filing of this lawsuit I think is what's
13 confusing about your question.

14 MR. PUTNEY: Ah, I see.

15 MR. GORSKI: Yeah.

16 Q For any of the other five named actions that
17 we've just discussed, are any of the major
18 credit reporting bureaus a defendant in any one
19 of those?

20 A No.

21 Q Okay. Have you sought discovery against a
22 credit reporting bureau in any of those
23 actions?

24 A No.

25 Q Okay. Let me just ask now: I'm at a point

1 where it's a decent point to take a break. Do
2 you need a break at this point?

3 A I can take a break. That works for me.

4 MR. PUTNEY: Would you like
5 a break at this point?

6 MR. GORSKI: Like a
7 five-minute break?

8 MR. PUTNEY: Five minutes is
9 fine.

10 MR. GORSKI: Sure. Yeah.

11 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record.
12 The time is now 10:07 (9:07).

13 (Recess taken.)

14 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the
15 record. The time is now 10 -- 9:21.

16 BY MR. PUTNEY:

17 Q Okay. So we're here in this lawsuit. We've
18 got Southwest Credit Systems, which I take it
19 you're somewhat familiar with?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And you've got Experian Information Solutions,
22 and I take it you know who we are?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Okay. Great. Can you help me understand how
25 this whole situation got started? Can you just

1 walk me through what happened? Why are we
2 here?

3 MR. GORSKI: Objection to
4 the form, vague.

5 A We're here because I had a mark placed against
6 my credit for a collections account that did
7 not belong to me. It belonged to my father.

8 Q And how did you first discover that?

9 A Well, I have a credit card account with Capital
10 One and I -- when I was reviewing my credit
11 card statement, I clicked on the Credit Tracker
12 on their website and I saw that there was a
13 collections account that had been placed on
14 there in December. And I --

15 Q Can you tell me about when that was?

16 A Around mid-December, December 13 or 14. I
17 don't remember the specific date. Around that
18 time. And I know that I never had any of my
19 accounts placed into a collections agency, so I
20 wasn't really sure what it was. I said I never
21 had anything like that happen to me. So I was
22 confused, very confused at the time.

23 MR. GORSKI: Do you have a
24 question?

25 Q What happened after that?

1 A Well, I saw that it said "Southwest Credit
2 Systems" on the -- as the collections agency.
3 So I called them and I, you know, tried to
4 ascertain what it was about.

5 Q Do you remember the approximate time frame of
6 when you first called them?

7 A I mean, relatively soon after I discovered the
8 mark against my credit file.

9 Q Would you say it was within a week or so?

10 A Oh, it was definitely within a week, if not a
11 day or two.

12 Q Okay. What happened when you called them?

13 A Well, I gave them my name and my address and I
14 told them "Look, there's a file against my
15 credit, it says Southwest. I don't know what
16 this is. Can you -- can you help me figure
17 what this is out?" And...

18 Q Were they able to help you?

19 A Well, I was able to ultimately determine that
20 the account was from a delinquent bill related
21 to a Comcast cable account and that that
22 account had been previously owned by my father.

23 Q Oh, I see. And you got that from the call with
24 them?

25 A Yes. That was what we were able to ascertain.

1 Q And when you say "we," do you mean you and some
2 other person or?

3 A Myself and the call center agent.

4 Q So what did you do?

5 A Well, I spoke with my father and I said, "Do
6 you know anything about this?"

7 And I -- once I figured out that it was
8 his account, I waged a dispute with TransUnion,
9 who had reported the account to Capital One's
10 Credit Tracker.

11 Q Oh, I see. What did your dad say about the
12 account?

13 A Well, he told me that it was from a 2013 or
14 2012 account that we had set up in Maryland in
15 a condominium.

16 Q Why did you have an account set up in Maryland?

17 A I was working for my father, who was working in
18 Washington, D.C. at the time, and we had an
19 account for that condominium so that we could
20 watch TV in the evenings.

21 Essentially what had happened with that
22 was he went to close out the account the day we
23 were moving all of our furniture back to
24 Pennsylvania, and the Comcast center where we
25 were supposed to return the cable box to was

1 closed at the time, so my dad said, "Let's
2 bring it back to Pennsylvania."

3 And at that point in time, Comcast told
4 him that it was -- he had to return it to the
5 Maryland office, and my dad said, "Can you
6 provide a mailing label?" They said no. So he
7 said, "If you want it, come pick it up." And
8 at that point in time they placed his account
9 to a collections agency.

10 Q So what were you doing while you were working
11 in D.C.?

12 A I was an assistant for my father's company,
13 ARCADIS.

14 Q Oh, okay.

15 A Intern. I was 16 years old at the time.

16 Q How long were you down in D.C.?

17 A Just for the summer. From June to the end of
18 August and early September, 2012.

19 Q And what was your address at the condo?

20 A It was -- I'm trying to remember. It was unit
21 714. I think it was 155 Potomac Passage in
22 National Harbor, Maryland.

23 Q And you were only there from June to August
24 2012?

25 A That was when I was working there, yes.

1 Q Did you receive any mail at that address?

2 A No.

3 Q Who all knew that you lived there?

4 A Well, my family knew that I lived there.

5 Q Did you ever order stuff and have it delivered
6 there?

7 A No. I mean, I was 16 at the time, so I really
8 wasn't aware of anything. I didn't have any
9 accounts at the time, so no.

10 Q Were you ever an authorized user on your dad's
11 credit card?

12 A No.

13 Q All right. Let me track back here.

14 If I understood you correctly, it sounds
15 like in mid-December you saw a collection
16 account from Southwest on your Credit Tracker
17 from -- which was provided by Capital One?

18 A That's correct.

19 Q And you called Southwest. And when you talked
20 to them, you figured out with them that it was
21 related to a collection account that belonged
22 to your father?

23 A Right.

24 Q And I think you said that then you called
25 TransUnion to dispute?

1 A Correct. I waged a dispute with them.

2 Q Okay. What do you mean when you say "I waged a
3 dispute"?

4 A Well, I disputed that the account was not mine
5 and that it was a member of my family,
6 specifically my father's. And TransUnion sent
7 me an email, and I believe also a letter,
8 stating that the account had been deleted from
9 my file.

10 Q Did you -- when you waged the dispute, did you
11 call them on the phone?

12 A I believe I did call them, but I think there
13 was also something online. I'm not really
14 sure, to be honest. I do remember calling
15 them.

16 Q Okay.

17 A And I do remember receiving an email from them.

18 Q Okay. And that email is how you figured out
19 that they had deleted the account?

20 A Yes. And I believe they sent me that in the
21 mail as well after I requested it from them.

22 Q Where did you ask them to send it to?

23 A 316 Covered Bridge Road.

24 Q And you were satisfied with how that worked
25 out?

1 A Yes. They deleted it, so I would say yes.

2 Q Did -- do you know if Equifax was --

3 A Equifax never reported the account.

4 Q Oh, Equifax never reported, okay.

5 How do you know that?

6 A I called them and confirmed it. And I obtained
7 a copy of my credit report from them and it was
8 never on there.

9 Q How did you get a copy of your credit report?

10 A I believe it was annualcreditreport.com.

11 Q Oh, okay.

12 A They provide free credit reports.

13 Q Yeah. When did you do that?

14 A Sometime in January I believe. January or
15 February. I know I called them in January to
16 confirm that.

17 Q Okay. When did you call TransUnion?

18 A In December.

19 Q Was it close in time to when you contacted
20 Southwest?

21 A Very much so.

22 Q Would you say maybe a week?

23 A Definitely. It was within a week.

24 Q A couple days?

25 A A couple days, a week.

1 his credit report other than the other day when
2 you talked about the subpoena?

3 A I've already testified that I did -- I have
4 spoken with him about that.

5 Q Okay. How many times did you talk with him
6 about it?

7 A I don't know how many times I talked with him
8 about it.

9 Q Was it more than two?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Was it less than ten?

12 A Look, I don't know how many -- how many
13 specific times the conversation came up.

14 Q Would you be able to estimate for me?

15 A Not really. I don't -- I haven't really
16 thought about that. I mean, I talk to my
17 parents about litigation quite often, almost to
18 the point where they want me to be quiet about
19 it. I mean...

20 Q So he's aware that you know about the
21 collection account and --

22 A Oh, he's aware.

23 Q Okay. So your father never said he doesn't owe
24 the money to Comcast?

25 A Well, he thinks that he -- he thinks that he

1 roommate last year.

2 Q Okay. Who were your roommates last year?

3 A I had one roommate. His name was Robert
4 Wagner.

5 Q Do you keep in touch with him?

6 A A little bit. He's in a fraternity now, so
7 he's off doing his own thing.

8 Q Do you know where he lives?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Do you have his address?

11 A No.

12 Q Okay. Does he live on campus at Case Western?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Okay. Did you have any other roommates last
15 year?

16 A He was my only roommate.

17 Q Okay. You were a freshman last year and you're
18 a sophomore this year?

19 A That's right.

20 Q Okay. Did you talk to Robert Wagner about the
21 credit reporting issues?

22 A I talked to Bobby about it, yes.

23 Q What did you tell him?

24 A Well, he was in the same room with me as I was
25 on the phone and I mean, he asked me "Who are

1 you talking to?"

2 And I just said, "There's this issue with
3 my credit report going on. I'm trying to
4 figure it out." That was the extent of my
5 discussion about it with him.

6 Q Did you ever talk to him about feeling anxious?

7 A I like to keep that stuff internalized.

8 Q Did you ever talk to him about feeling
9 embarrassed?

10 A I didn't talk with him about feeling
11 embarrassed.

12 Q Did he notice that you were sleeping about an
13 hour less per night in your opinion?

14 A I don't know if he noticed that himself, but
15 that would be something you would have to -- I
16 don't know if I could answer that question, he
17 would have to answer it.

18 Q Do you think he would be able to?

19 A No, because I mean, I don't think he would ever
20 pay attention to anything like that.

21 Q Did he notice that you were having -- again, to
22 the best of your knowledge, did he notice that
23 you were having difficulty concentrating?

24 A I don't think that he noticed that stuff. If
25 he did, it would not have been because of this

1 lawsuit, it would have been because of my
2 business.

3 Q What about Garrett and Sam, what have you told
4 them about the credit reporting issues and the
5 lawsuit?

6 A I just told them that I had a lawsuit in
7 Federal Court and that I had a deposition to
8 take today and that -- they asked what it was
9 about, and I just said that it was a mix up
10 with a credit file.

11 Q Did you talk to them about feeling anxious?

12 A No. Like I said, I try to keep that stuff -- I
13 try not to put my problems on other people like
14 that if I don't have to.

15 Q If you felt more anxious than you do now, do
16 you think you would talk to them to get advice?

17 MR. GORSKI: Objection.
18 Calls for the witness to speculate, assumes
19 facts not in evidence.

20 Q You can answer.

21 A I'm not like a psychologist or anything like
22 that, but I feel like I probably would just --
23 if I was going to talk to anybody, I would
24 probably talk to my parents about it, but I
25 don't think I would, like, reach out to my

1 friends in that regard, because like I said, I
2 don't want to put that on them.

3 Q And is that true across the board for any
4 emotional issues that you might have?

5 A Yes. I really am somebody that doesn't want to
6 have that out there for everybody to know.

7 Q Other than Robert Wagner, Garrett Ruderman, and
8 Samuel Weinberger, is there anybody else on
9 campus at Case Western that either knows about
10 this lawsuit or knows about the credit
11 reporting issues that you've experienced?

12 A I mentioned it to a few friends, but like I
13 said, none of this I went into real detail
14 about, because I like to keep that stuff
15 between -- I like to keep my private stuff
16 private. Personal business is personal
17 business. So I don't think if you were to ask
18 them they would really know details about this,
19 other than that I had filed a lawsuit and that
20 I was being deposed today.

21 Q You haven't lost any friends because of the
22 credit reporting issues, have you?

23 MR. GORSKI: Objection to
24 the form. It assumes facts not in evidence.

25 A I can't imagine I would have lost a friend

1 A Equifax did not report the account to my credit
2 file, so I didn't report -- I didn't wage a
3 dispute.

4 Q That's all I've got.

5 MR. GORSKI: Okay. Did you
6 guys want to change seats again or can we just
7 pass the mike?

8 MR. PUTNEY: I'm going to
9 change seats. Sorry.

10 MR. TUSKAN: I mean, it's
11 not the longest mike cord in the world.

12 MR. GORSKI: Okay.

13 MR. TUSKAN: So...

14 REEXAMINATION OF JAMES EVERETT SHELTON

15 BY MR. PUTNEY:

16 Q All right. Jamie, can you pull out what's been
17 marked as Exhibit D --

18 A D.

19 Q -- as in dog?

20 A Okay. Exhibit D. "Plaintiff's objections and
21 responses to Defendant Experian Information
22 Solutions, Inc.'s first set of requests for
23 production."

24 Q Have you seen this document before?

25 MR. GORSKI: Again I'm just

1 going to place an objection on the record.

2 This again is not a document that plaintiff is
3 required to verify regarding the information in
4 it, so I don't think there's any foundation to
5 be asking him questions about it.

6 MR. PUTNEY: Your
7 objection's noted.

8 Q Have you seen it before?

9 A I have not seen this before.

10 Q Okay. Are you aware that Experian has
11 requested documents of you?

12 A Yes, my attorney made me --

13 MR. GORSKI: Stop.

14 All right. I'm --

15 THE WITNESS: Sorry.

16 MR. GORSKI: I'm instructing
17 the witness not to answer the question because
18 he was about to disclose attorney-client
19 communications.

20 MR. PUTNEY: His awareness
21 of our request is not a privileged fact.

22 Q Are you aware that we made a request for
23 documents?

24 A Judging from what I'm looking at right now,
25 yes.

1 Q Were you aware prior to seeing that document?

2 A I don't know if I'm allowed to answer that
3 question.

4 Q You're allowed to answer the question.

5 MR. GORSKI: His -- you can
6 answer the question so long as your question
7 does not include communications with counsel.

8 A I became aware of this, these requests.

9 Q When did you become aware?

10 A While -- if I disclose that to you, then I'm
11 also discussing attorney-client privilege.
12 My -- I guess I'll answer the question. I
13 found out about this last night.

14 Q Okay. Have you searched for documents, the
15 documents that Experian has requested?

16 A No.

17 Q Okay. Could you read from that document
18 request number 12?

19 A Number 12. "A true and correct copy of every
20 Social Security card issued to or used by
21 Plaintiff."

22 "Plaintiff will produce a copy of his
23 Social Security card."

24 Q Have you provided a copy of your Social
25 Security card to your counsel?

1 A I have not because I don't have it. I don't
2 know where it is and that's been an issue for
3 me over the years. I don't know where it is.

4 Q How about let's look at number 13 on that same
5 page. I think it's on the same page.

6 A "A true and correct copy of every driver's
7 license issued to or used by Plaintiff."

8 I did provide a copy of this to my
9 attorney to the -- to Francis & Mailman.

10 Q Okay. Can you tell me why you have not
11 actually produced a copy to Experian to date?

12 MR. GORSKI: So --

13 A Would you like me to --

14 MR. GORSKI: -- John, how in
15 the world is he supposed to be able to answer
16 that question?

17 MR. PUTNEY: I don't know
18 what he knows and what he doesn't know.

19 MR. GORSKI: Isn't that like
20 a question you might want to, like, discuss
21 with me about whether you think our production
22 is complete or not? I mean why are you asking
23 the witness that?

24 MR. PUTNEY: Because we've
25 received no documents and I suppose there may

1 be a reason for it that he may know.

2 MR. GORSKI: Look, to my
3 knowledge we don't have a copy of his driver's
4 license.

5 A Would you like to see it now?

6 MR. GORSKI: But if you want
7 to make a photocopy of it at the end of the
8 deposition, you're welcome to that.

9 You don't need to pull it out right now.

10 THE WITNESS: Sorry.

11 BY MR. PUTNEY:

12 Q Not right now. We can deal with that later.
13 And, frankly, you can -- as before with other
14 requests, just -- I don't want to deal with
15 that.

16 So you didn't spend any time looking for
17 documents, right?

18 MR. GORSKI: Objection to
19 the form.

20 A No, I did not.

21 Q Okay.

22 A Other than the ones requested to me by -- and
23 I'm not really probably supposed to say that
24 either.

25 Q Okay.

1 A So the answer is no.

2 Q Okay. Do you keep electronic files?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Where do you keep them?

5 A Well, on my computer.

6 Q Okay. Do you keep any electronic documents in
7 a remote location, such as an email server?

8 A Some of them are on my email.

9 Q Okay. Do you have a remote document
10 repository, like Google Docs or Dropbox?

11 A I do, but I only use it for things that are
12 related to school. I don't often have my
13 personal files on those servers.

14 Q Okay. Do you use text messages to communicate
15 with your parents?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Okay. Do you use Facebook to communicate with
18 your family or friends?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Have you made any posts to blogs or similar
21 Internet websites?

22 A I make --

23 MR. GORSKI: About what? In
24 general in life or about this case?

25 MR. PUTNEY: I'm sorry. Did

1 you have an objection?

2 MR. GORSKI: Yeah, the
3 objection is that it's vague. I have no idea
4 what you're trying to ask the witness in that
5 respect. Are you saying does he make posts in
6 life in general or about something specific?

7 BY MR. PUTNEY:

8 Q Have you posted on a blog on any topic relative
9 to this lawsuit or the dispute?

10 A Yes.

11 Q What is the name of those blogs?

12 A I don't write on blogs.

13 Q Okay.

14 A I made a Facebook post saying that I was
15 engaging in litigation. But I discuss numerous
16 litigation topics.

17 Q Do you send -- do you use Facebook Messenger to
18 communicate with your family and friends on
19 this topic?

20 A Occasionally.

21 Q Okay. Do you use your school email or computer
22 for these types of matters?

23 A Well, I don't think I use my school email to
24 communicate to my attorney or to my friends and
25 family about this type of thing. I use my

1 personal email or my business email in regard
2 to those type of things.

3 Q Okay.

4 MR. PUTNEY: I'm just going
5 to go on the record and say that this
6 information raises some serious questions we
7 should discuss afterwards in terms of
8 responding to Experian's requests.

9 MR. GORSKI: I don't think
10 it raises any serious questions at all. If you
11 want to discuss something, you're obviously
12 welcome to contact me or discuss it after the
13 deposition.

14 MR. PUTNEY: I imagine that
15 we will, but let's move on to a different topic
16 for the sake of time.

17 BY MR. PUTNEY:

18 Q If you will turn to Exhibit C as in cat.

19 A Okay.

20 Q And hang on to Exhibit B because we'll go to it
21 next.

22 A I don't see where B is.

23 Q B are the responses to --

24 Does this document look familiar to you?

25 A Yes. It's a DocuSign that I was asked to

1 verify and sign.

2 Q And why were you asked to verify and sign it?

3 A Well, I think it's in connection with the
4 interrogatories that I was supposed to look at
5 and verify.

6 Q Okay. And did you look at those?

7 A Yes, I did look at those.

8 Q When did you look at them?

9 A I looked at it just before I clicked the sign
10 button on the interrogatories. Very briefly.

11 Q Can you tell me approximately how much time?
12 Maybe five minutes or more?

13 A Not even five minutes. The information was
14 provided to me after I was asked questions
15 and...

16 Q Okay. Can we look at number seven on Exhibit
17 B?

18 A Number seven?

19 Q Uh-huh.

20 A "Admit that Plaintiff was not denied insurance
21 as a result of the information Experian
22 report" -- reported "with respect of
23 Plaintiff."

24 Q I believe you're looking at Exhibit E. I would
25 like to --

1 A Oh.

2 Q -- look at Exhibit B if that's okay.

3 A I'm sorry.

4 No, this says B.

5 MR. GORSKI: That's my
6 Exhibit B too.

7 Q That's your B, I see.

8 Well, let's try Exhibit E.

9 A Okay.

10 MR. GORSKI: Response to
11 request for admissions Experian, is that what
12 you want?

13 MR. PUTNEY: I'm looking for
14 his responses to our interrogatories.

15 MR. GORSKI: Well, E is
16 response to Experian's request for admissions.

17 MR. PUTNEY: So both B and E
18 are responses to our request for admissions?

19 MR. GORSKI: B is
20 Plaintiff's objections and responses to
21 Experian's request for admissions.

22 MR. PUTNEY: Okay. Let me
23 do this: Let's go ahead and mark this as the
24 next available exhibit number, which should be
25 K.

1 (Defendants' Exhibit K was marked.)

2 A Okay.

3 Q Okay. Can you read number seven for me,
4 please?

5 MR. GORSKI: Will you hold
6 on a second? I'm just going to call the
7 document up on my iPad.

8 MR. PUTNEY: It may actually
9 be in your binder as Exhibit B.

10 MR. GORSKI: It's not.

11 MR. PUTNEY: Okay.

12 MR. GORSKI: Just give me a
13 second.

14 Okay. We're on seven?

15 MR. PUTNEY: Yep.

16 BY MR. PUTNEY:

17 Q Would you kindly read number seven for us?

18 A "Identify every application for credit or
19 insurance made on behalf of Plaintiff during
20 the past five years, including whether the
21 application was granted or denied."

22 "Not applicable."

23 Q Not applicable, okay.

24 Now, earlier today I thought I heard you
25 talk about an incident where you had a dispute

1 with a credit card related to insurance that
2 you purchased?

3 A Yes, that's correct.

4 Q Is that true? Is that the only instance where
5 you've applied for insurance in the past five
6 years?

7 A Well, I got a lot of quotes from different
8 insurance companies. I even paid an insurance
9 premium for a friend who paid me back on my
10 credit card.

11 Q I just mean --

12 A As far as applications?

13 Q -- as far as where you've applied for
14 insurance.

15 A May I ask a question?

16 Q Sure.

17 A Does -- correct me if I'm wrong, does getting a
18 quote for insurance, is that an application or
19 is that -- I'm not really sure if that counts
20 as an application.

21 Q Why don't we just talk about both and you can
22 tell me which ones you --

23 A Well --

24 Q -- just sought a quote for and --

25 A -- I mean --

1 Q -- which ones you actually --

2 A -- there were a bunch of them and I honestly
3 don't remember because that was in May 2015.

4 Q Okay.

5 A I also sought a few in July 2015 for a
6 different vehicle.

7 Q Okay. Have you applied for car insurance
8 since?

9 A No. I am currently insured under my parents'
10 insurance policy --

11 Q Okay.

12 A -- with Nationwide.

13 Q Okay. Can we look at Interrogatory Number 8,
14 then?

15 A Yes. "For each denial of credit -- "

16 MR. GORSKI: You don't have
17 to read it out loud.

18 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.

19 Q Okay. Would you mind reading number eight and
20 your answer? And we'll do the same thing for
21 nine, but let's start with eight.

22 A "For each denial of credit or insurance during
23 the past five years, describe the denial,
24 whether oral or written, and the reasons given
25 for the denial, any dispute related to the

1 denial, etc."

2 "See Plaintiff's response to

3 Interrogatory No. 7."

4 Q Okay. And your response to number seven was?

5 A "Not applicable."

6 Q "Not applicable." Does that mean you've never
7 been denied credit?

8 A Well, I don't think I have been denied credit.

9 Q Okay. So in every instance you've applied for
10 credit you've been approved?

11 A I only believe that I applied for credit one
12 time, with my credit card, and I was approved
13 for that.

14 Q Okay. Let's look at number nine, then.

15 A Okay. Do you want me to read it?

16 Q If you would please read the answer. The
17 question and the answer.

18 A "For each application of credit or insurance
19 granted during the past five years, describe
20 the credit or insurance obtained, the creditor,
21 insurer, account number, repayment terms, etc."
22 Okay.

23 And the response was, "See Plaintiff's
24 response to Interrogatory No. 7," which was
25 "Not applicable."

1 Q Okay. I think you just testified that you did
2 apply for a credit card and were approved, is
3 that right?

4 A That's correct.

5 Q So why did you say it was not applicable when I
6 asked about the applications that were granted?

7 A I didn't say that, my -- this was -- this was
8 something that was prepared by my attorney.

9 Q Okay. So your signature on Exhibit C that
10 verified the responses to these, you didn't
11 intend that to mean that you believe these
12 answers were true?

13 MR. GORSKI: Objection. It
14 misstates testimony.

15 A I think it was a mistake that -- I guess I just
16 overlooked it, I don't know why, but I'm happy
17 to tell you anything about insurance or credit
18 cards that you would like to know, truthfully.
19 I have no problem telling you about that.

20 Q Is it fair as we sit here today that you
21 believe that some of the answers on your
22 interrogatory are not accurate?

23 MR. GORSKI: Objection.

24 MR. PUTNEY: What's the
25 nature of the objection, Greg?

1 MR. GORSKI: I just object
2 to the way you asked him the question.

3 A I think -- I'm sorry. Can you repeat the
4 question?

5 Q Sure. As we sit here today, do you believe
6 that there are some answers on these
7 interrogatories that are not accurate?

8 A I did apply for insurance, if that's what
9 you're asking, but I'm not saying that
10 everything in here is completely inaccurate.
11 To the best of my knowledge, the questions that
12 were asked to me, I answered them, and this was
13 what I was told to sign and I signed it, and
14 I'm happy to answer any questions that you
15 have.

16 Q Okay. Let's switch to a different topic. You
17 can put that away or you can hang on to it.

18 We talked a little bit earlier with
19 Mr. Tuskan about some of the claims in your
20 complaint about embarrassment and emotional
21 distress, and if I understood your testimony
22 correctly, it sounds like you've never sought
23 professional help for these mental injuries, is
24 that right?

25 A I never saw a doctor or a therapist about this,